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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	08/788,560
Filing Date	January 24, 1997
First Named Inventor	Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.
Group Art Unit	2811
Examiner Name	O. Nadav
Attorney Docket Number	740756-1626

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on May 18, 2001
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time

2. Miscellaneous

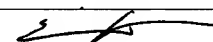
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of three months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-2380.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,490.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Eric J. Robinson	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	38,285
Signature		Date	July 2, 2001

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- ☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required
Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☐ Payment Enclosed:

- ☒ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other

FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	710	201 355	Utility filing fee
106	320	206 160	Design filing fee
107	490	207 245	Plant filing fee
108	710	208 355	Reissue filing fee
114	150	214 75	Provisional filing fee

SUBTOTAL (1)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims -20** = X =

Independent Claims -3** = X =

Multiple Dependent =

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
103	18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202 40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204 135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	80	209 40	** Reissue independent claims over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2)

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
127	50	227 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
139	130	139 130	Non-English transaction
147	2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination
112	920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
113	1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
115	110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month
116	390	216 195	Extension for reply for the second & third months
117	890	217 445	Extension for reply within third month
118	1,390	218 695	Extension for reply within fourth month
128	1,890	228 945	Extension for reply within fifth month
119	310	219 155	Notice of Appeal
120	310	220 155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
121	270	221 135	Request for oral hearing
138	1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
140	110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
141	1,240	241 620	Petition to revive - unintentional
142	1,240	242 620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
143	440	243 220	Design issue fee
144	600	244 300	Plant issue fee
122	130	122 130	Petitions to the Commissioner
123	50	123 50	Petitions related to provisional applications
126	240	126 240	Submission of information Disclosure Stmt
581	40	581 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
146	710	246 355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
149	710	249 355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.29(b))
179	710	249 355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
169	900	169 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application

Other fee (specify) _____

* Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3)

\$1,490.00

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